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The meeting was called to order at 2.05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

LETTER DATED 24 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/23239)

LETTER DATED 21 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMANY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/23232)

LETTER DATED 26 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/23247)

The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Yugoslavia in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In accordance with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the meeting without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Silovic (Yugoslavia) took a place at the Council table.

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in response to the requests contained in a letter dated 21 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, contained in document S/23232, and a letter dated 26 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, contained in document S/23247, and bearing in mind a letter dated 24 November 1991 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council, contained in document S/23239.

(The President)

Members of the Council have before them document S/23240 containing a letter dated 26 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

I should also like to draw attention to the following other documents: S/23114, S/23117, S/23136, S/23155, S/23169, S/23181, S/23200, S/23203, S/23214, S/23236, S/23238 and S/23248.

The text of the draft resolution which has been prepared in prior consultations has been distributed to the members of the Council under the symbol S/23245. Taking into account the views expressed at prior consultations and in light of the urgency of the matter under consideration, I have been authorized by the members of the Council to read out the text of the draft resolution:

(The President)

(spoke in French)

"The Security Council,

"Reaffirming its resolution 713 (1991) of 25 September 1991,

"Considering the request by the Government of Yugoslavia for the establishment of a peace-keeping operation in Yugoslavia, as conveyed in the letter of 26 November 1991 addressed by the Permament Representative of Yugoslavia to the President of the Security Council (S/23240),

"Deeply concerned by the fighting in Yugoslavia and by the serious violations of earlier cease-fire agreements, which have caused heavy loss of human life and widespread material damage, and by the consequences for the countries of the region,

"Noting that the continuation and aggravation of this situation constitute a threat to international peace and security,

"Considering also the letter addressed on 24 November 1991 by the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council on the mission of his Personal Envoy to Yugoslavia and the annexed agreement signed in Geneva on 23 November 1991 (S/23239),

"Considering further the fact, as conveyed in the letter addressed on 24 November 1991 by the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council (S/23239), that each one of the Yugoslav participants in the meeting with the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General stated that they wanted to see the deployment of a United Nations peace-keeping operation as soon as possible,

"1. Approves the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy and expresses the hope that they will pursue their contacts with the Yugoslav parties, as rapidly as possible, so that the

(The President)

Secretary-General can present early recommendations to the Security Council, including for the possible establishment of a United Nations peace-keeping operation in Yugoslavia;

"2. Endorses the statement made by the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General to the parties that the deployment of a United Nations peace-keeping operation cannot be envisaged without, inter alia, full compliance by all parties with the agreement signed in Geneva on 23 November 1991 and annexed to the letter of the Secretary-General (S/23239);

"3. Strongly urges the Yugoslav parties to comply fully with that agreement;

"4. Undertakes to examine and take appropriate action without delay upon the recommendations of the Secretary-General mentioned above, including in particular any recommendation for the possible establishment of a United Nations peace-keeping operation in Yugoslavia;

"5. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter until a peaceful solution is achieved."

(continued in English)

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution that I have just read out. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now. There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour: Austria, Belgium, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, France, India, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yemen, Zaire, Zimbabwe

The PRESIDENT: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has therefore been adopted unanimously as resolution 721 (1991).

I take it that the Security Council has now concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 2.15 p.m.